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Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on May 29, 2023, passed a resolution supporting the correspondence/resolution from Tay Valley regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped the stop-arm extended (O.Reg. 424/20);

And Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019, in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

And Whereas police resources cannot be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

And Whereas the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview urges the Provincial Government to:



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- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the province for the start of the 2023/2024 school year; and,
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

And Further that this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial Opposition parties, Brian Saunderson MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Leece, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition parties
Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey
Association of Municipalities of Ontario